

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Information Disclosure Statement and Request for Continued Examination

A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith in order to provide additional references for consideration by the Examiner contained in an Information Disclosure Statement, which is also being filed concurrently herewith.

Allowed Claims

Claims 34-43 were allowed in a Notice of Allowance dated March 16, 2010. Claims 34-42 have been amended to help clarify the claimed scope, and not to address any previous or currently cited references.

New Claims

Claims 44-61 have been added. No new matter is introduced by these claims. These claims recite features similar to those recited in claims 34-43 and are believed to be in allowable condition.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, all claims now pending in this Application are believed to be in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account. In the event that additional fees are required or credit is due, authorization is hereby given to charge or credit Deposit Acct. No. 17-0026.

Appl. No. 10/554,629
Amdt. dated June 16, 2010
Preliminary Amendment

PATENT

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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